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NEW GAME GETS GOING

A new postal Diplomacy game has been filled. The players are:

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GERMANY: Dick Trtek, Apt. 1, 2723 S. E. Main, Portland, Ore. 97214; 503-233-0703

ITALY: Thomas Thorsen, #325, 445 W. Barry, Chicago, Ill. 60657

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Michael S. Fanning, 156 Hart St., Beverly, Mass. 01915; 617-927-0372

RUSSIA: Ralph Jake Walters, The Clark Bldg., 2 Summer St., Natick, Mass. 01760

TURKEY: Ron Robinow, 2233 Cartwright Pl., Reston, Va. 22091

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. Any player who does not have the GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy rules should send for #346, in which they were last reprinted. If you wish other players to contact you by phone, please send in your phone number.

This one page of GRAUSTARK #355 will be sent in advance to the players so they can get negotiations under way. I am happy to be able to report that the six players who stated country preferences got either first or second choice, despite a wide spread of preference. Counting first place as 6 points, second as 5, etc., the preferences were Turkey 27, Russia 25, England 24, France 19, Germany 14, Austria-Hungary 13, Italy 5 - despite the fact that Italy has nice leads in 1975H & 1975AP, and is still going in 3 of the 4 other current 1975 games.

NOW HEAR THIS!

Over the past few months, many postal Diplomacy players in GRAUSTARK have become very sloppy about getting moves in on time. This means that several games have had to go to press with moves missing. It also means that it takes longer and longer to prepare an issue of GRAUSTARK for printing, particularly with even-numbered issues when EMPIRE is also going to press.

Many players have tried to make up for laziness by phoning in moves at the last minute. Since GRAUSTARK deadlines are on Saturday noon, this means that hasty long-distance phone calls come in late Friday night, or even on Saturday morning. The last straw was the last issue, when I was still typing stencils at 4 in the afternoon while five collators waited for something to do.

With my full approval and encouragement, my wife is no longer taking Friday phone calls full of moves that should have been mailed in days earlier. (I am so seldom home on Friday nights that I rarely get them myself.) I have stopped making last-minute collect calls to players who are notoriously move-misers, though I will still do it if a player with a good record should be unheard-from on deadline morning.

This warning is particularly important at this time of year, because heavy Christmas mail may delay the next couple of moves. Players should also note that the deadline for GRAUSTARK #357 is New Year's Day, on which there is no mail delivery. Deadlines on that date will also be noon, however.

The earlier your moves come in, the sooner I can cut and print the pages of GRAUSTARK, and the sooner it will get into the mail. Since there is only one mailbox pickup here on Saturday, and one on Sunday, an early mailing of GRAUSTARK can mean that you will receive it a day earlier. If you are bothered by insufficient negotiation time or mistaken adjudications due to hurried preparation and late mailing of GRAUSTARK, the remedy lies largely in your own hands,

1971/27

"Fall 1903"

W(H)ITHER AUSTRIA-HUNGARY?

ENGLAND (Jariton): F Eng holds; F Iri S F Eng; F Nth-Hol; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); F Nwy S F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Den-Swe.

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Mid-Iri; F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur; A Gas S A Par-Bur; A Pic S GERMAN A Bel.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Mun-Ber; A Kie S RUSSIAN F Bal-Den; F Hel-Nth; A Bel holds.

ITALY (Malay): F Nap-Ion; F Eas & F Adr S F Nap-Ion; A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Tyr-Ven. ((Sobiet, though I think "A Tyr-Vie" may have been intended.))

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McNally): A Ser-Tri; F Gre-Ion.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A St. P-Mos; A Ukr-Sev; A Gal-Rum; F Bal-Den.

TURKEY (Bakich): A Con-Smy; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser; F Aeg S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Ion; A Ser S A Rum; F Bla S A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Ser-Alb or A Ser-Bul, or remove the unit. The direction for this retreat must be sent in with the "Winter 1903" builds and removals, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe, ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rem, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, St.P. (7) Vie. (8)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gre. (1)

GERMANY: Bal, Ber, Kie, Mun. (4) RUSSIA: Den, Mos, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (5)

In addition, Austria-Hungary controls Bulgaria if A Ser retreats there, and Turkey controls it otherwise. England may builds one new unit and Italy may build two; Russia must remove one unit. Turkey may build one new unit unless Austria-Hungary retreats A Ser-Bul. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit if it retreats A Ser-Alb. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976.

1975Q

"Spring 1911"

ALLIED FRONT HOLDS

Neither of the proposals submitted for a vote among players has received a unanimous vote, and so both are re-submitted. No Austro-Hungarian build arrived by the "Immediate Return Mail" deadline. The attention of players is called to Postal Diplomacy Rules 14, 19A, and 19B in GRAUSTARK #346.

ENGLAND (Laves): F Bar, F Bal & F Mid hold; A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; A Fin-Nwy; A Pru-War; A Sil-Boh; A Mun S A Sil-Boh; A Ruh S A Mun; A Hol-Kie; F Eng-Nth; A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Tus; F Lyo C A Mar-Tus; F Spa(s.c.) S F Lyo; F Por S F Mid.

FRANCE (Johnson): F NAF S ITALIAN F Wes.

ITALY (Kelly): A Pie-Mar; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Boh; F Wes S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Robinson): A Mos, A War & A Boh hold; A Gal S A War; A Vie S A Boh; F Tyr-Tus; F Ion-Tyr.

TURKEY (Heuer): F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Bul holds; A Ukr & A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mos.

The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976.

1976BV

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"Fall 1903"

GET ENGLAND!

ENGLAND (Robinson): A Yer-Hol; F Nth C A Yor-Hol; F-Hol S a Yor-Hol; F Den-Kie; F Lan holds.

FRANCE (Verheiden): A Spa-Per; A Bur-Ruh; A Bel-Hol; F Mid-NAt; F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (Gibson): F Bal-Den; A Kie S F Bal-Den; A Mun-Ber; A Boh-Mun.

ITALY (Lipton): F Ien-Tun; F Apu-Nap; A Tus-Pie; A Ven S A Tus-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCullam): A Tyr-Vie; F Adr-Ien; A Tri-Bud; A Ser-Rum; F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (G. Gallagher): F Swe-Nwy; A Sil-Ber; A Gal-Bud; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Bergeman): A Rum-Ser; A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Bul-Gre; F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Bob Lipton now replaces Lloyd Williams as Italy. Austria-Hungary retreats F Gre-Alb or removes the unit, and England must retreat F Den-Ska or F Den-Swe, or remove the unit. These retreats must be sent in with the "Winter 1903" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Contingent Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon. (4) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6) RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, War. (4)

GERMANY: Ben, Den, Kie, Mun. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Sev, Smy.

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4) (7)

In addition, Russia controls Sweden unless England retreats F Den-Swe, in which case England controls it. Turkey has two builds, France has one, and Austria-Hungary has one removal, which might have been the dislodged F Gre. England has a removal if the retreat was F Den-Ska, and Russia has a build unless England retreated F Den-Swe. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976.

PARIS: Sorry about this, Ron, but your actions and the statements of others (without an ax to grind) have led me to the inescapable conclusion that when Germany goes, France is next. So I decided to speed up the process a little.

BERLIN: Today the Senate of the Intellectual Meritocracy proclaimed a national Thank God for Turkey Day, and called on the nations of Western Europe to hold a Thanksgiving for French Fried Irish Spuds.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish P. M., Weird Harold, has announced his response to the distress of his very distant cousin, the closet-biog, letter-writer extraordinaire, and putative leader of the German meritocracy. "The punitive expedition of the Turkish Black Sea fleet into the Russian province of Sevastopol is in direct retaliation for the insult to his royal commonness, Curtis the Laet, who, upon hearing of the Russian incursion into Silesia while on holiday in Silesia, was reported to have soiled his liederhosen." ((Sic.)) "Despots should be more considerate."

1976W

"Winter 1904"

Following "Fall 1904" moves, Russia removes the dislodged F Nwy.

FRANCE (Bowman): Removes F Mid, A Pic. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Laves): Removes A Tyr.

GERMANY (Hedin): Builds A Mun, A Ber. RUSSIA (Kelly): Builds A War, A St.P.

ITALY (Bragg): Builds F Nap. TURKEY (Kahn): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. Steve Bowman is in the process of moving, and the next issue should contain his new address.

LATE BULLETIN: The Boardman Number "1976IB" has just been assigned to the new game announced on p. 1. Players are asked to refer to it by this designation in writing to the GameMaster and to one another.

1976EC

"Fall 1901"

4 RUMANIA IS A POPULAR PLACE

ENGLAND (Tutt): A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy; F Nth-Den.

This is

FRANCE (Cunningham): A Gas-Spa; A Pie-Van; F Mid-Por.

O At

GERMANY (Goldberg): A Kie-Den; A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel.

P Great

ITALY (Bakich): A Tyr-Pie; A Ven S A Tyr-Pie; F Ion-Tun.

E Intervals

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowman): A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; F Alb-Gre.

R This

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Bot-Sws; F Rum-Bul(e.c.); A Ukr-Rum; A. Sev S
A Ukr-Rum.

A Appears

T To

TURKEY (Wells): F Bla-Rum; A Bul S F Bla-Rum; A Con S A Bul.

I Inflame

O Optic

N Nerves

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Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Pie-Mar or removes the unit.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Swen, Sev, Nar. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

France, Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary may each build two units, and England, Turkey, and Italy may each build one. (France may build 3 if the dislodged A Pie was annihilated.) The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976; players who already sent in conditional builds should take care to make any changes they feel justified.

1975ET

"Spring 1910"

OBSTACLE TO TRUCE REMOVED

No builds came in prior to the "Immediate Return Mail" deadline.

ENGLAND (Peim): A Fin S A St.P; F Den S F Kie; F Lyc S F Wes; A St.P, F Swe, F Kie, F Nrg, F Yor, A Ruh, A Bur, A Mar, F Wes & F Naf hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rittel): A Mun-Ber; A Sil S A Mun-Ber; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Vie-Boh; A Pie holds; A Ven & A Tun S A Pie; F Tyr S TURKISH F Ion; F Nap S F Tyr.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun-Kie.

TURKEY (Remmeli): A Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Sil-Ber; A Liv S A Mos; A Mos S A Liv; A War S A Pru; F Tun holds; F Ion S F Tun; F Aeg S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Ber is annihilated. The vote for a draw failed of unanimity, and is re-submitted to the surviving three players. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. Players should note that, on a vote for a draw, an abstention counts as a negative vote.

1975H

"Winter 1911"

FRANCE (Heuer): Builds F Bre.

ITALY (Lariton): Builds F Rom, F Nap.

GERMANY (Chafetz): Builds A Kie, A Ber.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): No removals received.

The Gamesmaster removes the Russian F Bar, F Bla, A Arm and the dislodged A Rum. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. Ron Kelly (see 1975AP for his address) is asked to send in stand-by Russian moves.

1975AP

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"Spring 1912"

GERMANY STRIKES BACK

The "Winter 1911" builds were mis-printed; Germany built A Kie rather than A Mun.

GERMANY (Michal): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Swe-Den; F Nrg-Edi; A Liv-Mos; A War S A Liv-Mos; A Sil-Mun; A Ber S A Sil-Mun; A Kie-Hol; F Bal-Kie; A Boh-Tyr; A Vie S A Boh-Tyr; A Bud S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum.

ITALY (Eisen): A Ser-Rum; A Bil S A Ser-Rum; A Tri-Ser; F Tyr-Wes; A Mun-Tyr; A Gre-Smy; F Con-Bla; F Aeg C A Gre-Smy; F Smy-Eas; A Ven-Tri; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; F Gly-Edi; F Bel-Nth; A Rom-Tus; F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Murray): A Rum-Bul; F Bla S A Rum-Bul; A Arm-Ank.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): No moves received; A St.P holds; A Mos dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary must retreat A Rum-Sev, -Ukr, or -Gal, and Italy must retreat A Mun-Ruh, -Bur, or -Boh. These retreats must come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL - that is, MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1976. They will be sent on to all players, including Ron Kelly, #120, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, Washington, D. C. 20061, who is asked to send in stand-by moves as Russia. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976.

1976DW

"Fall 1912"

DEO GRATIAS, ANGLIA, REDDE PRO VICTORIA

ENGLAND (Bakich): A Swe-Den; F Nth-Bel; F Nwy-Swe; F Nrg-NAT; F Hel-Kie.

FRANCE (Schwartz): A Spa-NAf; F Wes C A Spa-NAf; A Mar-Pie; F Lyc S A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mar;

GERMANY (Carter): No movee received; F Den, A Pru, A Sil, A Mun & A Ruh hold.

ITALY (Schultz): A Tyr-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallagher): A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Vie-Tyr; A Ser & F Gra S RUSSIAN F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

RUSSIA (Michal): F St.P(s.c.) & A War hold; A Mos S A War; F Sev-Rum; F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

TURKEY (Braunagel): F Bul(e.c.) holds; A Con S F Bul(e.c.); A Smy-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Tyr (by conditional order) and the Turkish F Bul(e.c.) are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lix, Len, Nwy, Swe. (8)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Per, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Mun. (3)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Germany must remove two units. England may build three new units, Italy may build two, and Turkey, Austria-Hungary, and Russia may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. Stand-by removals for Germany are asked from Eric Verheiden, Cal. Tech. 1-64, Pasadena, Calif. 91126.

Regrettably, space considerations force the postponement to the next issue of a number of lively press releases submitted with these moves. Also postponed, with continued apologies to Bob Lipton, is the printing of his entries in the last contest (see GRAUSTARK #353).

1975GW

"Spring 1908"

GEOPOLITIK

ENGLAND (Spiegel): A Liv-St.P; A St.P-Fin; F Bar-Nwy; F Nth holds; F Naf-Wes; F Iri-NAT; F Mid-Eng.

GERMANY (Sergeant): F Swe holds; A Hol-Bel; A Mar-Gas; A Spa S A Mar-Gas; A Ven holds; A Rom S A Ven; A Tus-Pie; A Pru-Liv; A Mos & A War S A Pru-Liv; F Kie-Hel; F Ber-Bal; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Wiencek): F Nap-Tyr; F Por-Mid; F Wes-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Trtek): A Gre-Bul; A Rum S A Gre-Bul; F Ion-Gre; F Adr-Ion; A Tri-Ser; A Sev-Arm; A Ukr S GERMAN A Mos.

TURKEY (Girsanovsky): No moves received; A Con, A Ank & F Smy hold.

The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. Stand-by moves for Turkey will be sent in by Raymond E. Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond HALL, N. Y. M418; 212-441-7757.

"Spring 1902"

"...VON SCHLAEMPEREI GEMILDERT"

The new Turkish unit in Constantinople is a fleet, not an army.

ENGLAND (Fabry): A Nwy-Fin; F Nrg-Bar; F Nth-Nwy; F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Dodge): A Bel holds; A Bur S A Bel; A Par-Pic; F Bre-Mid; F Spa(s.e.)-Wes.

GERMANY (La Rocca): F Den-Bal; A Mun-Bah; A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Ber; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Ameling): F Ion-Tun; F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Tyr; A Tri-Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hinton): No move received; A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Brawner): A Mos-Liv; A War-Pru; A Vie S ITALIAN A Tri-Bud; F Rum holds; A Fin-Swe; F Bot-Pal.

TURKEY (Addison): A Ser-Tri; A Bul-Ser; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eaa; F Bla holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976.

ISTANBUL: After a successful liberation of the Serbian State, Sultan Abdul-Hamid II decreed that the Ottoman Empire will be restored. "The Balkans have traditionally been ours and soon it will be again!" exclaimed the Sultan. Meanwhile, military leaders have begun highly secret and innovative plans.

1976DC - PRESS RELEASE

SOMEWHERE IN THE BALKANS: A cold north wind blew in from the Riphæan Alps as the Papal Party of Blatent III wended its way by excart toward the Balkan Massif. The Apostolic Vicar divided his time equally between haranguing the uncomprehending Patzianaki teamsters and his own harried staff. The largest cart held His Holiness, Cardinal Sanguini, Chief of Translators Finnegan, Brevet-Colonel Otrant, and the somewhat suspect residues of the cart's previous cargo.

"I wonder what they hauled in this thing," mused Otrant half to himself.

"Bother that," growled Blatent, "try figuring what happened to our escort troops."

"I think that overnight stop at the New Olde Skandalutz House might have done," surmized the Cardinal, "the next morning none of them could ride."

"Yes, but they said they'd catch up with us," said Finnegan from a pile of manuscripts, scratch paper, and quill filings.

"You shut up until you've translated that Second Donation," snapped the Supreme Pontiff, "once I've got that in my hands I'll make ontological chowder of that two-bit Patriarch."

"Auroch feces!" cried Otranto. All eyes turned to him in amazement. "I mean, that's what they hauled in this cart - aurochs feces."

Just then a rider came back down the trail and conferred with the head teamster, who turned and yelled orders. A great hubbub ensued.

"What is it?" yelled Sanguini to their guide.

"Gorplatz Khan say we near the Land of Cranky Priests. Gorplatz Khan say to please throw away all talismans, relics, coney's feet, Gideon Bibles. Cranky priests make stink if they find."

The Papal Party looked at each other. All of a sudden Finnegan stood up.

"By George, I've got it!" he exclaimed, grasping a piece of foolscap, "it's simple. You just take the initial consonant and place it at the end of the word with a long 'a' sound after it."

Suddenly a shift in the wind brought the acrid smell of gorse-thorn incense. The Pravoslavian Patrimony of Polykarp lay just ahead.

1975IX

"Spring 1908"

THIRD ROME ANNEXES FIRST

In the "Fall 1907" moves, the Russian "A Liv-Ber; F Bal C A Liv-Ber" should have been underlined as impossible. Accordingly, Germany rather than Russia controls Berlin, and Germany had no removal. The Italian F Par was removed by the Gamemaster, and Russia built A War, A Mos, and A Sev.

FRANCE (Jacobs): A Gas-Par.

GERMANY (Penn): F Nrg-Nwy; A Fin S F Nrg-Nwy; F Den-Bal; F Kie S F Den-Bal; A Mum-Sil; A Ber S A Mum-Sil; F Eng-Mid; F NAT-Nrg; A Lon-Den; F Nth C A Lon-Den; A Bur-Mum; A Ruh S A Pur-Mun; A Pio-Bur.

ITALY (Kramer): No moves received. A Mar, F Lyn, & F Fun held; A Rem dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Eisen): A Liv-Pru; F Bal-Ber; A Sil S F Bal-Ber; A Smy-Apu; F Len & F Aeg C A Smy-Apu; F Con-Smy; F Alb-Adr; A St.P-Nwy; A Nap-Rom; A Ven S A Nap-Rom; A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A beh-Mun; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Sev-Mos; A Mos-Liv.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat F Bal-Swe or -Beth; the direction of this retreat should be phoned at once to the GameMaster, who will inform the other players. Greg Cestikyan, 1675 York Ave., New York, N. Y. 10028; 860-8818, has volunteered to send in stand-by moves for Italy. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 1976. In the event that this game ends with the next turn, players' subscriptions will expire as indicated on p. 40; otherwise the game will go on and expiration date's will be announced later.

TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY

Peter Berggren has announced that he will issue full refunds to all subscribers and players in his defunct postal war-gaming 'zines Turnabout and The Glory Gazette. His present address is c/o the Bakers, Orford, N. H. 03777.

THE JIMMY CARTER DEMOCRATIC ESSAY CONTEST AND WAR POOL

President-Elect Carter's recent victory, and the certainty of war which follows from it, will make it possible for alert, creative, or lucky GRAUSTARK readers to get something for nothing. Two contests are hereby announced, open to all readers: an essay contest and a pool on the location of the next war.

The essay contest asks readers to tell, within certain reasonable restrictions, why Democratic administrations are necessarily war-time administrations. The topic is formally set thus:

"Explain, in 2000 words or less, why the election of a Democratic President of the United States of America is always followed by a war which involves American armed forces."

The deadline for this contest is TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 1977. The winner will receive two free entries in GRAUSTARK postal Diplomacy games, or the equivalent in entry fees for games in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE. The winning essay will be printed in GRAUSTARK.

The following ideas are suggested as points which contestants may wish to make in their essays. Other reasons may of course also be included.

1. Whenever the world's economic system is in trouble, it sets up social forces which bring Democratic administrations to power in the United States, and militaristic groups to power in other countries. Thus, Democrats are running the US when someone gets militaristic enough to want to fight us.

2. Republicans represent "old money" while Democrats represent "new money". "New money" got that way through profiting from social upheavals, and war represents a first-rate money-making opportunity.

3. Wages always go sharply up during war-time, and the strong role played by organized labor in the Democratic Party means that pressures towards war are always greater when the Democrats are in power.

4. Democrats favor the centralization of more power in the federal government, and no activity centralizes power in the government so much as war does.

5. Democrats favor projects that give employment out of public money to people at the lowest economic levels. Since soldiers are always recruited from the lowest economic levels, war is the easiest way to provide that employment.

6. New immigrants and their immediate descendants are always interested in the "Old Country", and readily advocate that the United States go to war to help the "Old Country". Such people have a much larger voice in the Democratic than in the Republican Party.

7. Democratic policy in Congress is made by very senior southerners who are often anti-black. Since blacks are represented in the armed forces at a higher proportion than in the general population, Democrats see war as a way of getting rid of them.

8. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to attract people of high ideals, who enunciate broad moral principles as a guide to practical action. Historically, this sort of thing has always led to war and violence.

9. Democrats habitually mismanage government, and war in the name of "National Unity" is a good way to avoid being held responsible for this mismanagement.

10. The American people honestly and sincerely prefer war to peace, and as the majority party the Democrats are putting this policy into effect.

11. For nearly a hundred years, the Democrats have been devoted to inflating the currency, and war is the most effective producer of inflation.

12. Foreign leaders see Democratic administrations as being weak, vulnerable, and pacifistic, and therefore always attack us when the Democrats are in power.

In addition to these conditions, two lines of argument are going to have to be specifically excluded from the essay contest, as leading in no useful direction. These are:

1. "There is no necessary causal linkage between Democratic administrations and war." Such a notion as this rejects the entire 20th-century history of the United States of America.

2. "War in general, and the Carter Administration's war in particular, is wrong." The notion that peace is preferable to war is a notion that has been firmly rejected by the government of the United States of America, and it is therefore morally wrong. I am not going to publish any statement that could be regarded as opposition to the absolute right of His Excellency the President, Commander-in-Chief, and Supreme War Leader of the United States of America to make war at any time, by any means, and against any enemy that he selects. In setting this policy I am doing a favor to those people who would otherwise be so misguided as to utter such opinions. They will not be tolerated; anyone who doubts this should take a look at President-Elect Carter's record during the Vietnam War.

Essays that argue either or both of the positions placed above in quotes will not be admitted into the contest, and are likely in the future to prove highly dangerous to the authors.

But, you say, you have no skill in composition? In that case, GRAUSTARK has another contest for you. This is, to guess the country in which United States troops will first be sent following President Carter's inauguration. This is how you do it.

1. Send in \$1 and the name of the first foreign country into which United States Army or Marine Corps troops will be sent, following President Carter's inauguration on 20 January 1977.

2. Contestants may send in any number of entries, so long as each entry specifies a different country and is accompanied by \$1.

3. Upon the beginning of the war, the total amount sent in for the War Pool will be divided equally among the people who guessed the right target country, and mailed back to them, less postage costs.

4. The contest closes on Wednesday 19 January 1977, and all entries must be received by then.

5. By "country" is meant a de facto sovereign nation existing as of 20 November 1976. If, for example, the troops should be sent to Tulkarm, in the region which Israel annexed from Jordan in 1967, the winning country will be Israel rather than Jordan since Israel exercises de facto sovereignty in Tulkarm. Similarly, if troops are sent to Belfast, "Great Britain" rather than "Ireland" will be the winning country. If Namibia should declare its independence from South Africa after 20 November, "South Africa" wins, but if the declaration takes place between now and the time this issue goes to press, any US troops sent into regions controlled by the rebels will be considered to have invaded Namibia. "Zimbabwe" shall be taken as meaning "Rhodesia" and vice versa.

6. The troops sent must be regular, reserve, or National Guard troops of the United States of America, and must be operating on the ground. Locally recruited guerrillas, mercenaries in US pay, bombing the region from the air or shelling it from the sea, do not count as US military action for the purposes of this contest.

7. The winning country will be the country in which the US troops are physically located, not the country they are fighting or on whose benefit they are fighting. If, for example, US troops invade Iraq to fight Iranians for the benefit of Saudi Arabia and to impress the Russians, Iraq and no other will be the winning country.

8. The Gamesmaster will have the final decision in case of any doubt.

All entries in both contests should be sent to John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226 before the deadline. For example, let us suppose that Lebanon is the winning country, and 15 out of 25 entrants picked it. The \$25 will be divided into 15 equal parts of \$1.66 each (fractions go to the management), and so after postage is subtracted each winner will receive \$1.53.

After entries close, the number of entries specified for each country will be published in GRAUSTARK, though not the entrants' names. Names of winning entrants will be published when the war begins.

Don't let war be a thing from which only the rich and powerful profit. Join the GRAUSTARK War Pool and take in your own little bundle from the next war.

1975Q - A VERY BRIEF REVIEW

This postal Diplomacy game was announced in GRAUSTARK #328 on 3 May 1975, and the first moves were published 4 weeks later in #330. It ended with an English victory in "Fall 1909" in #354, published on 30 October 1976. The supply center chart is:

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E 3	5	7	7	9	12	13	15	17	20
F 3	5	5	4	2	1	1			
G 3	5	6	7	8	7	6	6	3	
I 3	4	5	6	7	8	7	4	3	
A 3	3	1	1						
R 4	6	4	2						
T 3	4	6	7	8	6	7	9	11	14

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While we're on the topic, the following subscriptions expire in the near future with the indicated issues of GRAUSTARK:

- 356 - Adam Gilinsky, Bob Fischetti, Ed Jacobs, Steve Whitmore
- 357 - Mike Hudec, James McDonald
- 359 - Robert Maloney
- 360 - Gerry Thompson,
- 361 - William Clumm, John Kramer
- 362 - Philip Cohen, Robert Sabourin
- 363 - Anthony Kniaz
- 365 - R. L. Morton
- 366 - Henry Kelley
- 367 - John Hendry
- 368 - Konrad Baumeister

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 E - Tom Ripper (won F09)
 F - Stephen Haas (res F04)
 Ron Robinson (out F07)
 G - David Wiencek (out F09)
 I - John Kramer (out F09)
 A - Eric Goldberg (dro F01)
 Bob Lipton (out F04)
 R - John Hendry (out FC4)
 T - Steven Bowman

The Gamemaster will welcome and publish any comments on the game from any player or other reader.

(This information is complete to 31 October 1976, and taken into account the ends of postal Diplomacy games 1975Q & 1975IX, but not subsequently ended games.)

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